## New Exhibit to Open at NASM

## 25 Years of Space Exploration

A new exhibit commemorating 25 years of space exploration opens July 1 at NASM. Through film, photographs, memorabilia, and samples of media accounts from the period, "25 Years of Space Exploration" will trace the development of the space age, placing events in social, political, and cultural contexts.

The exhibit will have five areas. Unit one, The Beginnings, will cover the period of the early satellites (1957–58); Man in Space (1961–64) will highlight the Mercury flights of Shepard and Glenn; Lunar Conquest (1966–69) describes the "race" to the Moon; Space is Commonplace (1972–76) begins with the launch of Pioneer 10 bound for Jupiter and includes Skylab and the joint U.S.-USSR Apollo-Soyuz Test Project, and the fifth unit, Today and Tomorrow, concentrates on the success and potential of the Space Shuttle.

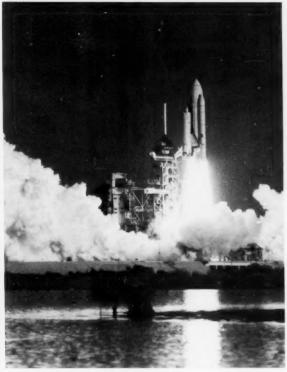
The eight-month commemorative exhibit will be located in the Museum's Milestones of Flight gallery.



Bottom left: (left to right): Dr. Wernher von Braun, Dr. James Van Allen, and Dr. William Pickering display a model of Explorer 1 at a press conference after the successful launch in 1958.

Bottom right: Columbia lifts off a few seconds past 7:00 a.m., April 12, 1981, at Kennedy Space Center, Florida.





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